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Turner Denies CIA Firings Were Linked to Technology

CHICAGO (UPI) — CIA Director Stansfield Turner yesterday denied reports that he ordered the firing of some 900 CIA agents within the next two years because new technical devices are more efficient than humans.

Turner has notified CIA employees the jobs of 198 members of the clandestine service will be eliminated March 31 and an additional 700 will end Dec. 31, 1979. He told a news conference the cuts were made for economic reasons.